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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Document Division Chief, Machine Division

CIA Librarian

SUBJECT:

Machine Control of Input and Retrieval Patterns

The two problems to be considered are: (1) What information would be most useful in making analyses of intellofax input and retrieval; (2) In what form should such records be maintained. In both content and form we felt that a record should be devised which required a minimum of time to maintain and to use for periodic study as needed. The following are the suggested forms for data control.

a. Retrieval

A single punched card for each request, with fields allocated for these entries. (225 panch cards per month)

- 1. Request number and year (0001-61). & columns
- 2. Requester Compenent. 6 columns
- 3. Bate coverage (1956-1960). 4 columns
- 4. Category of questions (one of 15 types of questions). 3 columns
- 6. Related Area (or a bloc of areas e.g. Sev Bloc). 4 columns
- 7. Clear text tegs used (2, 3, or 9). 1 column
- 8. Files used (current, settred). 1 column
- 9. Priority (Crash, Priority or Routine). 1 column
- 10. Short title. 40 columns

b. Input

A monthly sussery showing mamber of times ISC codes were used by document analysts.

A machine listing on a daily basis of each day's new index cards, erranged by ISC code. A listing of this type can be used in Dogument Mivision to detect errors before the cards have been put in file. It will also show which codes require frequent clear text entries. If erranged by document number, the list will indicate depth of coding being given to different series of documents (e.g. 00/C, OB, State).

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List of subject categories used to describe requests.

- 1. Political domestic and International.
- 2. Intelligence and Security.
- 3. Installations industrial, sirfields.
 4. Trade, finance, economic planning and management
- 5. Organizations.
- 6. Manufactured products and equipment and methods
- 7. Industry Survey (of a given industry).
- 8. Research and development.
- 9. Geography.
- 10. Defence and armed forces.
- 11. Facilities (railways, highways, communications).
- 12. Commodities (raw materials)
- 13. Personalities.
- 14. Area descriptions (cultural entities).
- 15. Area search.
- 16. Information sources (telephone directories)
- 17. Sociology including medicine and health.

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